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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE -- INFORMAL SESSION

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1. SUMMARY: AT THE CLOSE OF GENERAL DEBATE DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF MARCH 1, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING ENTERED INTO INFORMAL SESSION TO CONSIDER THE WORKING PAPERS ON GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES, THE G-77, AND THE EC-9. THESE PAPERS HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED EARLIER AS CONFERENCE ROOM PAPERS NUMBERS ONE, TWO, AND THREE RESPECTIVELY. THE SESSION ENDED WITH ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION TO FORM AN OPEN-ENDED CONTACT GROUP TO SEE WHAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN, USDEL (KITCHEN) OPENED THE INFORMAL SESSION OF THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE BY INTRODUCING THE US WORKING PAPER (REFTEL A). USDEL STRESSED THE US INTEREST IN MAKING CONCRETE PROGRESS WHERE POSSIBLE (THE 2ND LEVEL) WHILE NOT FORGETTING THE LARGER QUESTIONS THAT DO NEED ATTENTION

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BUT ARE NOT READY FOR FINAL ACTION (THE 1ST LEVEL.)

3. MADAGASCAR INTRODUCED THE G-77 PAPER (REFTEL B.) SECTION I OF THE PAPER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS THE SECTORAL OBJECTIVES FOR RESTRUCTURING WHICH ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE SINCE THEY ARE BASED ON THE CITED RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS. THOSE NATIONS THAT HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS CONCERNING PARTICULAR OBJECTIVES COULD MAINTAIN THEIR RESERVATIONS. SECTION II (IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT WHAT APPEARS AS SECTION III IN SOME DRAFTS OF THE PAPER IS REALLY JUST AN ADDITIONAL PART OF SECTION II) CONCERNS THE MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE AGREED OBJECTIVES. ONLY SECTION II IS NEGOTIABLE.

4. BELGIUM INTRODUCED THE EC-9 PAPER (REFTEL A.) THE BELGIAN DELEGATE EXPLAINED THAT THE EC-9 LIST OF PROBLEM AREAS CLOSELY CORRESPONDS TO THOSE SUGGESTED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND APPEARS TO REFLECT THE VIEWS OF MOST DELEGATIONS EXCEPT FOR ITEM 2 (PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGETING) WHICH THEY BELIEVE NEEDS SYSTEM-WIDE ATTENTION. HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT SECTION II OF THE G-77 PAPER COULD BE SUBJECT TO UNOFFICIAL NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THE SECTION I COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED COMPLETELY. ONE POSSIBILITY FOR SECTION I WOULD BE A MORE GENERAL AND SIMPLE REFERENCE TO THE SECTORAL OBJECTIVES AS WAS USED IN THE PREAMBLE FOR RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII.)

5. OTHER DELEGATIONS BRIEFLY COMMENTED ON THE THREE PAPERS. JAPAN FAVORED THE EMPHASIS ON ECOSOC IN THE EC-9 PAPER; FAVORED THE DELIBERATE, STAGE-BY-STAGE APPROACH IN THE US PAPER; AND EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE INCLUSION OF SOME DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE NOT ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY IN SECTION I OF THE G-77 PAPER, BUT INDICATED THAT SECTION II COULD BE ACCEPTABLE WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS. GOJ REP INDICATED HOWEVER THAT G-77 PAPER COULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR CONSULTATIONS. ARGENTINA REAFFIRMED THE NON-NEGOTIABILITY OF THE G-77'S SECTION I, WONDERED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEVELS 1 AND 2 OF THE US PAPER (USDEL RESPONDED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED ON BOTH LEVELS), AND SUGGESTED THAT THE LISTING OF PROBLEM AREAS IN THE EC-9 PAPER COULD LEAD TO AN UNDERSTANDING. POLAND INDICATED THAT THE EASTERN

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EUROPENAS HAVE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH THE G-77 PAPER AND ALSO SEE USEFUL IDEAS IN THE OTHER PAPERS.

6. THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT A CONTACT GROUP SHOULD MEET THE FOLLOW MORNING (MARCH 2) TO SEEK AGREEMENT AMONG THE THREE PAPERS. THIS CONTACT GROUP WOULD BE COMPOSED OF THE GROUP SPOKESMEN WITH THE SUPPORT OF TWO OR THREE ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH GROUP. HOWEVER, THE

CONTACT GROUP ALSO WOULD BE OPEN-ENDED. THE CHAIRMAN'S
SUGGESTION WAS ACCEPTED, THERE BEING NO OBJECTION INDICATED.
US DEL WILL OF COURSE APRTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN CONSULTATIONS.
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